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1. In mid-November 1952 [redacted] the following buildings in the Werder restricted area were not used as living quarters for members of the Soviet Occupation Forces or their dependents:
German central construction headquarters, at 134 Eisenbahn Strasse; hotels for members of the occupation forces, at 95, 96 and 115 Eisenbahn Strasse; Soviet photographic laboratory, at 120 Eisenbahn Strasse; Soviet furniture shop, at 125 Eisenbahn Strasse; Soviet medical laboratory, at 105 Phoebener Strasse; barber shop, at 89 Phoebener Strasse; general's club house at 13 Strasse am Zernsee (officers from major upwards had access to this building); textiles and food stuff shop, at 4 Strasse am Zernsee. Four buildings on Eisenbahn Strasse, i.e. buildings Nos 134 through 138 were available for several construction agencies. Three of the buildings housed offices, while the fourth was used for the storage of materials. Most of the employees of the construction agencies were non-local residents. They were quartered in a 3-story house at the intersection of Hoher Weg and Marien Strasse. Two BMW sedans [redacted] belonged to one of the construction agencies.
2. At 10:30 p.m. on 21 October, 580 air force soldiers marched in details of 80 to 100 men from Friedrichshohe to the airfield. At 8 p.m. on 5 November, about 800 soldiers marched in details of 80 to 100 men from the airfield to Friedrichshohe. A detail of 87 Soviet women who wore blue epaulets marched to Friedrichshohe. [redacted] a building between Kesselgrund and Phoebener Strasse housed a group of actors and troupers. The group played before Soviet troop units also at other military posts. The settlement on Kesselgrund Strasse quartered Soviet officers and their dependents. These houses had recently been surrounded by a board fence. Many of the buildings were being renovated. There was no conspicuous change in the occupation of the restricted area. In early December, a Soviet captain and his family evacuated building No 93 on Eisenbahnstrasse. Another Soviet family which occupied the annex of building No 92 on Eisenbahn Strasse, was packing their

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belongings. [redacted]

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[redacted] that several Soviet families were expected to move in the near future.

3. At 8 p.m. on 7 December, a special train of 11 coaches occupied by Soviet civilians arrived at Werder freight station. [redacted]

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[redacted] these civilians formed a troupe of actors. At 11 a.m. on 8 December, the troupe travelled by rail toward Potsdam.

4. From 19 through 22 November 1952, the Soviet hotels in the restricted area were more heavily occupied than usual. [redacted] all the windows of the hotels were lighted at dark.

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[redacted] officers, who arrived by scheduled train from the direction of Magdeburg about 1 a.m., stayed over [redacted] night in the hotels in Werder. Most of these officers continued their journey on the following day,

5. [redacted] the name of the general in the

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restricted area [redacted] was a brother of General Chuikov of Berlin.

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7. At 9 a.m. on 20 October, a meeting of officers took place at the Friedrichshoehe restaurant. The meeting was also attended by officers from other military posts. The conference lasted until about 5 p.m. Another such meeting was held on 27 October. On 8 December, a large number of non-local officers stayed in the hotels of the restricted area. Conferences were daily held in the Friedrichshoehe restaurant. Among these officers [redacted] a captain who wore a golden propeller on the collar patches of his overcoat. Usually there were no markings on these collar patches.

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8. Prior to 12 November, all Soviet soldiers of the airfield were restricted to their quarters. Even within the restricted area, the EM could move about only when escorted by officers and NCOs. No alcohol was to be issued to Soviet officers or EM in the restricted area or in German restaurants. The only restaurant where beer could be obtained was the Soviet railroad station restaurant.

9. [redacted] five German charwomen were discharged from the restricted area in mid-October and [redacted] their work was taken over by Soviet women. The German employees who were not attached to the central supply office I were paid their wages by the kech office which also hired German personnel. The kech office was near the intersection of Eisenbahn Strasse and Phoebecker Strasse.

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[redacted] in early November five Germans, i.e. locksmiths, firemen and plumbers, had been discharged at the airfield. All the German workers previously employed at the airfield, a total of 30 had been given notice for 15 November 1952. Their work was to be taken over by Soviet soldiers.

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11. In October 1952, the following goods were dispatched by the Basa (central commissary) in Werder to the supply units (commissary shops) mentioned:

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Supply Unit	Toilet Soap in Cakes	Number of Officer Belts	Number of Officer Braunlets
1 Boldovski	960	19	75
2 Volevach	1,400	10	175
3 Gitun	550	3	250
4 Gorshkov	1,200	10	440
5 Evmenkin	480	-	225
8 Makeysv	1,250	-	-
9 Mashkin	1,320	15	200

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10	Ovsyanikov	920	14	-
11	Krushilnitski	478	22	-
12	Spichakov	1,400	19	200
13	Strishkov	3,710	34	990
14	Zulayev	240	2	75
16	Chernov	850	14	485
17	Shurunov	1,460	22	335
15	Univernag Werder	800	60	445

14. Regarding the supply units mentioned

Unit Beldowski. The supply officer of this unit was a captain. In late October, the previous sales manager of the commissary was released by one Levchenko and Glize.

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Unit Volevach. The supply officer of this unit was a captain.

Unit Gitun. The unit had shops in Brandenburg and Justerbog. The new sales manager assigned in October 1952 was named Pinshakin.

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Unit Gershkov. The unit had shops in Koethen and Nerseburg and used the German truck. The supply officer was a captain. The new sales manager assigned in late October were Ivotov and Hagendorf, the latter a German.

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Unit Evnenkin. The unit was presumably located in Schwerin. Its supply officer was a major.

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Unit Meloyev. In late November, this unit was redesignated Toporkov.

Unit Meshkin. The new sales manager was named Zunkin, who was released by one Abakumov in mid-November.

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Unit Ovsyanikov. In late October, the sales manager of this unit was named Stepashkin.

Unit Krushilnitski. The supply officer of this unit was a senior lieutenant who wore red-bordered silver epaulets, a green band around his cap and green collar patches. In mid-November, the sales agent of the unit was named Levshenko who replaced the German agent Boeckelmann.

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Unit Spichakov. The supply officer of this unit was a senior lieutenant who wore blue-bordered golden epaulets. The unit used German truck

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Unit Strishkov. [redacted] located in Grossenhain; its supply officer was a major.

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Unit Zulayev. In late October, the sales manager of this unit was one Birokov. [redacted] The supply officer of the unit wore the same service color as Senior Lieutenant Krushinnitski.

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Unit Chernov. In late October, the sales manager of the unit was a Soviet woman named Matveya.

Unit Shurunov. The supply officer of the unit was a lieutenant who wore red-bordered silver epaulets.⁴

In mid-November, the sales manager of the commissary at Werder airfield (6b, Laryek III) was called Pechozov. [redacted]

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[redacted] The procurement agent of the Promkombinat, at 6 Eisenbahn Strasse in Werder, was named Grabov.

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14. About 4:20 p.m. on 25 October, [redacted] a general accompanied by three field officers proceeding from Eisenbahn Strasse toward Adolf Damaschke Strasse. The general wore wide golden epaulets with a large golden star. A blue stripe 4 cm wide was seen on the outer seams on his trousers and his hat was fitted with a golden cord. [redacted] he was in his early sixties. The field officers accompanying him wore blue-bordered golden epaulets and blue bands around their caps. On 6 December, this general accompanied by three air force field officers was seen at the Basa in Werder.

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16. On 1 November 1952, the Soviet publishing firm moved from East Berlin to the central Baza in Teltow. Chief of this publishing firm [redacted] designated "International Book", was Major Zukhov. This publishing firm supplied the various supply units with books.

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18. In September 1952, many employees of the VEB industrial designs bureau in Brandenburg were recruited by a construction agency in Werder through one Shadok (phonetic spelling). On 20 November [redacted]

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[redacted] the various construction bureaus or headquarters in Werder were strictly kept separate from each other.

19. On 4 November [redacted] the special construction headquarters in Werder had been split up. The components of the headquarters which had remained in Werder were headed by Herr Stritzel. The Werder section of the headquarters was at No 114 Eisenbahn Strasse. The other components of the headquarters had moved to Linden Strasse in Berlin and had been placed under the administration of the VP. Herr Kunze, chief of the section of the headquarters which had moved to Berlin was seen in a VP uniform with plaited epaulets and one or two stars on them. Since recently, the special construction headquarters in Werder has held its conferences at 116 Eisenbahn Strasse. [redacted] the special construction headquarters in Werder was not identical with the Werder Construction Bureau which is located in another building on Eisenbahn Strasse.

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20. Incoming and outgoing supply shipments observed in Werder between 8 and 31 October 1952 included:

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Date in October	Load	From	To
8	furniture	Werder, Sass	Teltow-West, SOA
9	"	"	"
10	"	"	"
11	briquettes	?	Werder, Kech
14	"	?	"
15	"	?	"

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		furniture	Werder, Sass	Teltow-West ?	
17		"	"	" ?	
20		textiles	Werder, Fedjukov	Erfurt ?	
		"	"	Schwerin ?	25X1
21		food stuff	"	Limbach/Sachsen ?	
22		furniture	Werder, Sass	Teltow-West ?	
		military goods	?	Werder	25X1
27		furniture	Werder, Sass	Teltow-West ?	

1. Comment. Most Soviet officers and their dependents live in the Werder restricted area. All the offices of the headquarters of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army are at the airfield which is off limits to German personnel working in the restricted area.
2. Comment. The general in question presumably is commander in chief of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army.
3. Comment. It is possible that a Soviet naval liaison group is attached to the headquarters of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army.
4. Comment. [redacted] the supply units (commissaries) mentioned are not organized on a regional basis but one supply unit each is attached to each division. The assignment of three supply units has not been determined to date. Information obtained so far adds up to the following picture:

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Unit Boldovski belongs to the fighter division in Finow

Unit Volevach belongs to the fighter division in Zerbst

Unit Gitun belongs to the ground attack division in Brandenburg

Unit Gorshkov belongs to the fighter division in Merseburg

Unit Ovsyanikov belongs to the bomber division in Finsterwalde

Unit Spichakov belongs to the fighter division in Puetnitz

Unit Strishkov belongs to the fighter division in Gressenhain

Unit Charbov belongs to the bomber division in Werneuchen

Unit Krushilnitski presumably belongs to an air transport unit in Staaken

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Unit Makeyev belongs to ??

Unit Zulayev belongs to ??

Unit Shurunov belongs to ?? in Cottbus

Comment. Information on the splitting up of the German Special Construction Headquarters in Werder was transmitted previously

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the components of this construction headquarters which moved to Berlin was charged with construction projects of the VP Air Force. It is subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior to which the administration of the VP is still attached. It is believed that the components of the construction headquarters, which remained in Werder, are still assigned to the Main Administration for Special Construction at the Ministry of Reconstruction. The construction headquarters in Werder is charged with the winding up of construction projects of the Soviet Air Force. The second construction headquarters existing in Werder is probably charged with constructing projects in Werder.

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